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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4197

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th January 2020.

Your request was as follows:

please provide me with full answers to the following questions regarding stranded patients (those with a Length of Stay over more than 7 days) and super-stranded patients (those with a Length of Stay over more than 21 days).

1. How many stranded patients did each of your trust's hospitals have during each month of the past calendar year, 2019?

Please provide the information by month if possible ie January 2019, 200 stranded patients. However if this is not possible please provide the figures on a weekly or daily basis, if that is how they are recorded locally.

N/A - The Trust does not have any data available on stranded patients as we are not required to include this in any submissions or to meet any reduction targets.

2. How many super-stranded patients did each of your trust's hospitals have during each month of the past calendar year, 2019?

N/A - The Trust does not have any data available on stranded patients as we are not required to include this in any submissions or to meet any reduction targets.

3. Has your trust met its target of reducing super-stranded patients by 25% from 2017-18 figures? If not, please state by what proportion the figure has been reduced by so far.

N/A - The Trust does not have any data available on stranded patients as we are not required to include this in any submissions or to meet any reduction targets.

4. What were the five longest Length of Stays recorded by patients in your trust during calendar year 2019?

Due to the minimal number of patients identified, further information relating to lengths of stays will not be released under Section 40(3)(a)(ii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as releasing this information may lead to the undue stress of families and patients as this information may still lead to patients being identified. Therefore this information has not been released for reasons of confidentiality; compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and by virtue of the exemptions contained in section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as the Trust believes that providing the

information would be in breach of the Principle (B) of GDPR as well as provisions under Chapter III regarding individuals' rights.

5. What specific actions has your trust taken to reduce super-stranded patients in the past year?

N/A - The Trust does not have any data available on stranded patients as we are not required to include this in any submissions or to meet any reduction targets.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4197 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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